

NOTICE TO ALL TIMBER PURCHASERS

Claiborne Restoration Timber Sale Calcasieu R. D.

Bids will be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA on January 7, 2014 at 9:00 AM

LOCATION: This sale is located approximately five (5) miles southwest of Woodworth, LA in Compts. 48 & 374, T2N R2W, Sections 28 & 33 of Rapides Parish.

INCLUDED TIMBER: The sale area consists of about 596 acres of which an estimated 285 acres are designated for cutting. The sale contains five (5) Payment Units, two of which are designated clearcuts where all timber within the unit boundary that meets utilization standards is designated for cutting (Payment Units 3 & 4), and three (3) of which are designation by spacing thinning (Payment Unit 2, 5, & 6), which allows the purchaser to cut and remove smaller diameter trees and leave the larger trees on a specific spacing of approximately 36 x 36 feet. The trees designated for cutting are described as those meeting the Utilization Standards and the following criteria: 1) if the tree is within 25 feet of a live pine tree that has a larger stump diameter than it and the larger tree is not designated for cutting; and 2) all trees within skid corridors which are no more than 14 feet wide and no closer than 70 feet apart measured center to center. **The diameter of the trees to be removed during thinning has been increased for this sale to a maximum of 17.0" DBH and the maximum stump diameter of trees that may be cut outside the corridors has been increased to 27.0" at ground level.** There are no RCW trees in this sale. The boundaries of the Payment Units are marked with orange paint.

LENGTH OF CONTRACT: The Contract termination date will be **December 31, 2017.**

SAFETY-CONTAMINATED LANDS: This timber sale is located on lands formerly used by the Department of Defense as an impact area for a wide range of small, medium, and large munitions weapons. There is a possibility that this sale contains trees contaminated with shrapnel. The sample timber sale contract special provision CT6.33 Safety-Contaminated Lands and CT6.404 Conduct of Logging on Contaminated Lands, spell out the liabilities and obligations on the part of the purchaser. Prospective bidders are encouraged to inspect this provision prior to bidding.

FORM AD-3030-FS: Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030-FS Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants. The form is located behind Page 5 of the Bid For Advertised Timber.

EROSION CONTROL: The Purchaser will be responsible for seeding and fertilizing approximately 4.25 acres to Forest Service specifications. The Purchaser may elect to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service to have the Erosion Control work performed in exchange for a cooperative deposit in the amount of **\$2,246.65.**

PREHAUL ROAD MAINTENANCE: The Purchaser will be required to perform Pre-Haul Road Maintenance on 1.03 miles of Forest Service roads 258 prior to hauling. The work includes placing 950 tons of Winn Rock on these roads and 44 C.Y. of pit run. A cost allowance of **\$60,914.29** is estimated for this work and should be considered a logging cost for prospective bidders. See sample contract for specific information.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: The purchaser will be responsible for making a required deposit (16 U.S.C. 537) in the amount of **\$1.53** per CCF (approximately **\$16,610.27**) for using Forest Service roads to haul timber. Additionally, a cost allowance for Purchaser required road maintenance on secondary roads of approximately \$2,604.00 has been made in the appraised value of the timber.

SLASH DISPOSAL: In Payment Units 2 through 6, Slash Disposal will be required in areas where slash accumulation is higher than 2 feet.

All interested bidders should investigate the sale area and the sample contract prior to submission of bids, and become familiar with the provisions mentioned above and others which apply to this timber sale contract. Please contact the District Office at (318) 793-9427 if you have any questions about this sale.